

Celebrate

The termly newsletter of **Richmond upon Thames College**

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Sports Students Enjoy 'Sports Spectacular' Event



In June, all Sports students at Harrow, Richmond and Uxbridge Colleges (HRUC) participated in a 'Sports Spectacular' day held at the Richmond upon Thames College (RuTC) campus.

Ninety students participated across the three colleges. The biggest student event to date that HRUC has held of this kind.

Students were split into college teams to compete in four different sport activities: volleyball, football, tag rugby and an obstacle course. After a long day of games and friendly rivalry, Uxbridge College managed to take the win by 1 point, with RuTC coming in 2nd place and Harrow College in 3rd.

Students all had a wonderful day participating in the activities and getting to know each other!

Message from our Leadership Team

Richmond upon Thames College is a vibrant, diverse and friendly community. We are a careers college where you can choose from 100+ courses and our staff support all students to achieve their ambitions. Our state of the art campus has a range of outstanding facilities which will ensure our students have the skills, knowledge and experience to progress.

We offer our students many enrichment opportunities, including college trips, cultural experiences and a range of sports activities. The summer term has been a busy one and we are proud of the successes and achievements of our students and staff over the past few months.

In this edition of our termly Celebrate newsletter, you can read about the wonderful and inspiring stories of what students and staff have achieved.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy summer break!

Travel and Tourism and Catering Students Take a Trip to Italy



Fifty of our Level 2 and 3 Travel and Tourism and Catering students, along with department staff members, took an exciting trip to the coastal towns of southwestern Italy earlier this year.

During the educational trip, students were based in Sorrento and immersed themselves in a rich tapestry of cultural experiences in the nearby towns. From the iconic central landmarks of Sorrento to the picturesque island of Capri, and the beautiful scenery of the Amalfi coast, they delved into the heart of Italian hospitality and tourism.

Through guided tours, and firsthand experiences, they learned about the intricate art of Italian cuisine, the nuances of hospitality management, and the diverse attractions scattered across the region. With each town and area visited, they gained a deeper understanding of Italy's rich history, vibrant culture, and legendary hospitality industry.

Level 2 Media Student Wins Jack Petchey Award



One of our Level 2 Creative Media Production and Technology students, Dora Batalona, won a Jack Petchey award for being an outstanding student at RuTC this term.

Dora was nominated and praised by her peers for being very hard working and an incredibly caring person. She is known for being respectful and a team player and also brings energy to the class.

Well done, Dora!

A-Level Philosophy, Religion and Ethics Students Tour Westminster Abbey

In April, a group of Philosophy, Religion and Ethics A-Level students at RuTC had the opportunity to visit Westminster Abbey, in central London.

Students were given a private tour of the Abbey with commentary from a guide. This involved seeing the graves of old Kings and Queens, as well as some of the most influential thinkers of our time, including Charles Darwin and Stephen Hawking.



Politics Students Visit Supreme Court



A-Level Politics students at RuTC visited the Supreme Court, in Parliament Square, in mid-April.

The trip began with a tour, where they first established the key differences between the features of a regular court and the Supreme Court, which consisted of cameras, no witness stands and the judges table being the same height as the defendant's table. They also learnt that the Supreme Court only enforces and states what the law is and does not provide judgements of guilt. The emblem of the Supreme Court was also explained, detailing that it consists of the different national flowers of all the countries in the UK: The Tudor rose for England, the thistle for Scotland, the leek for Wales and the flax blossom for Northern Ireland), to represent unity. It also consists of the Greek letter Omega, which symbolises finality.

They then had the opportunity to look at a court case, which involved a father taking their child to Disneyland during the school term. Discussing who they thought was lawfully right in the matter.

To end the day, the learners got the chance to sit in on an actual court hearing, which was a case about releasing information on doctors who were involved in the withdrawing of treatment of a patient.

It was a hugely informative and inspirational trip for our students!

RuTC Alumnus, Adele James, Stars in National Theatre Production

One of our fantastic RuTC alumnus, Adele James, starred in 'Underdog: The Other Other Brontë' at the National Theatre, on London's South Bank, earlier this term.

The new play was an irreverent retelling of the life and legend of the Brontë sisters, and the story of the sibling power dynamics that shaped their uneven rise to fame. Adele played the role of Emily Brontë in the production, alongside actors Gemma Whelan and Rhiannon Clements.

Adele studied BTEC Acting during her time at RuTC, leaving in 2013 to go on to study BA (Honours) Drama at the University of Bristol. In her professional career she has starred in the long-running BBC drama, Casualty, as regular character, 'Tina Mollett'. Last year, Adele landed the lead role of 'Cleopatra' in the Netflix series, 'Queen Cleopatra', for which she won the 'Outstanding Performance' award at the National Film Awards 2023.

Congratulations, Adele!

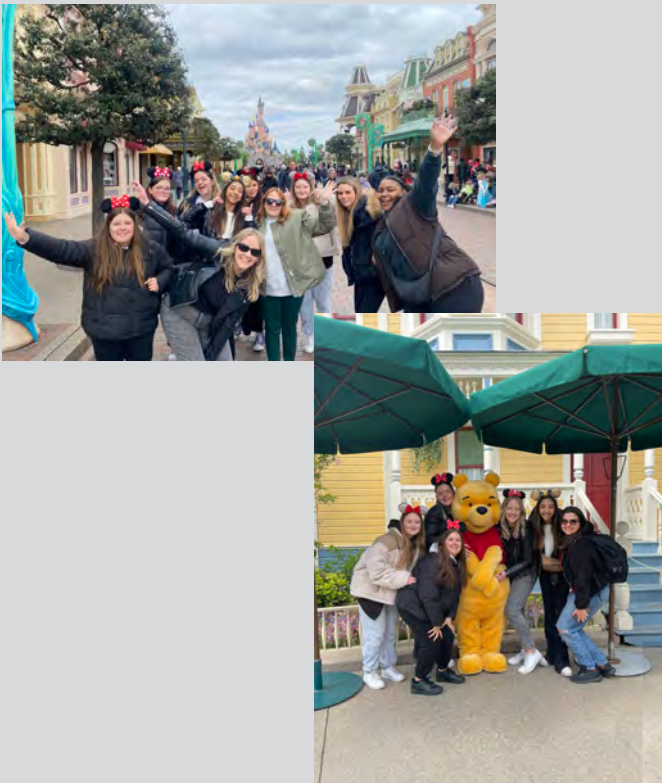


Early Years Students Visit Disneyland Paris

In April, twenty-one Level 2, 3 and 4 Early Years (Childcare) students at RuTC visited Disneyland Paris as part of their coursework. Students and their teachers took the Eurostar from central London to spend a three-night residential trip at the famous tourist attraction in France.

Our learners had a fantastic time exploring the park facilities and making memories with their peers. Whilst having fun they were also learning key skills, such as resilience, inclusion, teamwork, organisation, communication, adaptability, patience, and remembering the importance of magic and play. This was a brilliant opportunity to practice and develop professional skills needed for early years workforce prospects.

Tutor Frankie Holliday commented, “Disney was a blast! What a fabulous bunch of early years students and teachers, making magical Disney memories that will last forever.”



Catering Student Wins Jack Petchey Award

This term, RuTC Catering student, Lucy Wilson, who is completing her Level 2 Diploma in Professional Cookery and Food and Beverage Service, won a Jack Petchey award for hard work and commitment to her studies.

Lucy has been praised by her peers as being perseverant, a problem solver and confident in her work.

Alongside her studies, Lucy is completing some exciting work experience with celebrity chef, Lawrence Keogh, at ‘The Foundry’ in Thames Ditton. Through this work experience, she has secured a part-time job at the restaurant – a fantastic achievement!



Travel and Tourism Department Celebrate Culture Day

At the end of the summer term, the Travel and Tourism department at RuTC hosted a 'Culture Day', celebrating the rich and diverse cultures represented by students and staff at the college.

It was a truly memorable day, creating a buzzy, positive atmosphere for all involved. The celebrations included, wearing traditional dress, listening to traditional music, dance performances and a catwalk show! There was also a delicious lunch served, with a variety of homemade dishes from different cuisines and countries.



Acting Students Perform Comedy Play, 'Gargantua'



Acting students at RuTC performed four shows of the comedy play, 'Gargantua,' last month, to packed audiences in our college auditorium.

The cast was a combination of our Performing Arts Level 2 and Level 3 students, who were raising money for Unicef through the shows.

Audiences were thoroughly entertained by our actors' comedic performances, which featured an 80s soundtrack!

Art and Design Students Showcase End-of-Year Exhibition

Art and Design students at RuTC worked hard to produce their final pieces of work for the end-of-year exhibition. The exhibition covered a variety of different themes and briefs and was displayed throughout the RuTC campus building, in our main ground floor Atrium space and in many of the art classrooms. The exhibition began with a private view for students' family and friends at the final open event of the year in June, where there was lots of delight and enthusiasm for the artwork presented.

A few classes within the cohort also had their works showcased in local art galleries and museums, for the public to view.



Politics Students Host General Election Hustings for Local Candidates

At the end of June, A-Level Politics students at RuTC ran a hustings event for local candidates ahead of the General Election, on the 4th of July. The candidates making up the panel were Munira Wilson from the Liberal Democrats, Jonathan Hulley from the Conservative Party, Tom Bruce from the Labour Party, Reform UK's Alex Starling and Green Party candidate, Chas Warlow. RuTC students, Monica Pirvu and AJ Ndong Ngonde, did a fantastic job of chairing the event, where all candidates answered a series of tough questions posed by our learners, staff and audience.

Candidates introduced themselves with three-minute speeches, outlining their party's aims and values on key issues. Pre-submitted questions from A-Level Politics students were then read out to the candidates, who were given one minute each to answer these. These questions highlighted issues such as stop and search, the Rwanda bill, the general election, and sustainable transport. Members of the crowd were also given the opportunity to ask questions to the candidates, covering topics including the ongoing genocide in Ethiopia, advice to their younger selves, and the definition of 'woke'. The event concluded with another set of speeches, where the candidates commented on the day's discussion and encouraged votes for their parties.



Media Students Place 3rd in West London Film Competition



In May, some of our Media students at RuTC created a film for the West London Film Competition 2024, hosted by the JGA Group.

Those involved were Level 3 Extended Diploma TV and Film students, Rob Flynn and Alaa Dahham, and Level 3 Diploma TV and Film students, Erin Green and Duru Kalaman. Together they created a short film titled 'Creativity Grows,' exploring the creativity of people (specifically creative students at RuTC) in West London. Their film placed 3rd out of multiple entries, a fantastic achievement!

Meet our Extraordinary Students

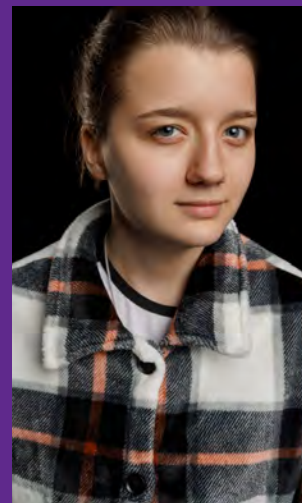
This month we launched our 'Be Extraordinary' student campaign. This exciting initiative showcases some of our extraordinary students at HRUC and their achievements.

Caitlyn

Caitlyn is a keen sportswoman and an extraordinary student, who has honed her passion and skills during her time at RuTC. Elected as student representative for her class, she has great responsibility for the student voice and positive change. She dreams of having her own personal training business in the future and plans on going straight into the world of work after college, to gain valuable industry experience.



Erin



Movie buff Erin is truly dedicated to her studies and has proven herself as an extraordinary filmmaker. Her greatest achievement at college is winning a student award for her attitude and motivation! She has ambitious plans to become a film director in the future and is ready to put in the hard work to reach her goal.

Read more about our extraordinary students at:
www.rutc.ac.uk/about-us/be-extraordinary



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